

SENATORS AND OFFICERS POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

This disclosure, along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and all attachments, MUST be provided to the Office of Public Records, Room 232 of the Hart Building, within 30 days after the travel is completed.

Date/Time Stamp:

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE
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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I Senator Ben Sasse, make the following
(Name of Senator/Officer)

disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me.

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Enterprise Institute

Travel date(s): Wednesday, August 16 - Thursday, August 17

Destination(s): Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Name of accompanying family member (if any): Melissa Sasse

Relationship to Member/Officer: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child

FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE LINES. IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Senator/Officer:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$839.10	\$651.96	\$105	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable)

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	N/A	N/A	\$105	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.) See attached agenda. In addition to the educational sessions focused on pressing policy matters, the Senator also participated in the dinner discussion on Wednesday, August 16 in which current challenges facing the US were discussed.

I HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE TRAVEL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH MY DUTIES AS AN OFFICEHOLDER, AND DID NOT CREATE THE APPEARANCE THAT I WAS USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

9/6/17
(Date)
(Revised 1/3/11)


(Signature of Senator/Officer)



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Senator Ben Sasse
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Dear Senator Sasse,

I hope this finds you well. I write you from the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC, with an invitation. We would be honored to have you join AEI's upcoming leadership retreat in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, on August 15-17. This gathering brings together about 70 of our inner circle supporters, some of the country's best and brightest thought-leaders, policymakers, and entrepreneurs for two days to discuss today's pressing issues in off-the-record conversations. Given your thoughtful leadership, your participation as a keynote speaker would be of enormous interest to our audience.

Thank you very much for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature appears to be 'Toby Stock'.

Toby Stock

AEI Retreat in Jackson Hole, August 16-18, Jackson Hole, Wyoming

ADDENDUM: Question 21:

The lodging cost per day (\$459/night) is higher than the per diem rate of the area. Senate participants will be placed in standard rooms. Since this is a large conference, this was the lowest cost and closest to the per diem rate that AEI could secure, given the hotel's prices. The cost of meals (\$35/meal) reflects the catering cost charged to AEI by the hotel. Alcohol is not included. This trip was arranged without regard to congressional participation, and we verify that no special treatment was given to members in either lodging or food.

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The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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9. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)

I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

=OR=

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10. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

AEI creates the agenda, invites the speakers and attendees, and covers the cost for speaker travel, lodging, and meals. Attendee meals are covered by AEI.

As a public policy think tank, AEI believes in the power of shared ideas and the importance of bringing individuals together to discuss the challenges facing the US. At this gathering, attendees will engage in constructive dialogue about how we can improve public policy and enhance human flourishing.

AEI annually hosts gatherings with congressional leaders who find the conversations at these gatherings to be helpful as they serve their states and country.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

AEI scholars produce academic research relating to today's pressing public policy issues. AEI then disseminates their research and ideas through publications in national media outlets, outreach to college campuses, and the hosting of private gatherings.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$1000 for Sen.	\$459.00	\$105.00 each for Sen. and spouse	

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Several AEI supporters have homes in the Jackson Hole area and have asked about opportunities to host gatherings closer to the west coast.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Teton Mountain Lodge, Jackson, WY

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Proximity to meeting location

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

See addendum.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Flight to and from Jackson Hole - coach

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:

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Wednesday, August 16

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Westbank Grill, Four Seasons
A Conversation with Governor Doug Ducey
 Moderator: Ryan Streeter

Conversation about state level public policy innovations in education and workforce development.

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Session Ballroom A, Four Seasons
What Does a Post Dodd-Frank Landscape Look Like?
 Paul Atkins, Toby Stock, and Peter Wallison

Panel focusing on the reform of Dodd-Frank and the role of government in regulating financial markets.

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Salon discussions Library, Four Seasons

Opportunity for participants to informally discuss previous sessions and dialogue about other policy concerns.

6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Reception Terrace, Four Seasons

6:45 – 8:15 p.m. Dinner Ballroom B, Four Seasons
A Conversation with Senator Ben Sasse (R-NE)
 Moderator: Toby Stock

Discussion about the challenges facing the US and how we can improve public policy to enhance human flourishing.

Thursday, August 17

7:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Informal Breakfast	Cottonwood Foyer, Four Seasons
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Casual conversation with AEI scholars about how research can be used to inform public policy.

8:40 a.m. on August 18, Senator Sasse departs Jackson Hole on Delta flight 1319 to Omaha, NE.



Monday, September 6, 2017

Senator Ben Sasse attended the AEI Jackson Hole retreat on August 16-17, 2017. There were no other Senate invitees.

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